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Further interrogation of Gilberto ALVARADO on the night of 26 November in Mexico City showed he was able to recognize about seventeen different photos of personnel of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. He did not know the names of the persons depicted, but he did know the position and duties of most of them and was able to furnish additional identifying data about many of them.

He was able positively to identify the picture of Oscar Concepcion Mendoza as the tall Cuban he had seen in the Embassy on 18 September, and Luisa Calderon as the pretty girl he saw there the same day. He correctly identified a New Orleans "mug shot" of Lee OSWALD. (OSWALD's picture had been in the Mexican press for several days)

ALVARADO gave the following additional details about the man he claims was Lee OSWALD and whom he saw in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City on 18 September: OSWALD had a green passport in his pocket and he thinks he saw a pistol in a shoulder holster. OSWALD wore long shoes and had a wrist watch with a yellow metal band. OSWALD slouched in a chair. It was about noon on 18 September. OSWALD seemed at home in the Consulate and appeared to know and be known by Consular personnel. He heard OSWALD use the Mexican slang term "cabron," an extremely vulgar term, but he pronounced it badly.

ALVARADO re-enacted the alleged money passing scene as he had previously recounted it, except that he this time said: "You're not the man. I can kill him." He said the U.S. bank notes he saw were in a small pack, about one fourth inch thick with a paper band which the Negro broke before counting out the fifteen hundred dollars for expenses and five thousand dollars as "advance."

ALVARADO stated he is still a sergeant in the Nicaraguan Civil Guard. He entered Mexico illegally on 29 August 1963, paying a bribe at the border. He transited Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala

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en route. He was in Mexico once before

He claims to have received some kind of U.S. military training at Fort Gulick in the Panama Canal Zone in 1956 (he would have been only 16 at that time).

ALVARADO claims that he visited the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City on 2 or 3 Sep, 15 or 16 Sep, 18 Sep, 19 Sep, 26 Sep and 25 Nov. We have no confirmation of this. He claims that he visited the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City 6 or 7 times, 4 of them with a Nicaraguan Communist named Torres. We can not confirm this. He did not explain just why he visited the Soviet Embassy.

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